



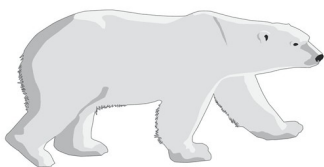
# Reception Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 1: Mon 5 Jan - Fri 13 Feb



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you a Happy New Year. Firstly, a big thank you for all of the extremely generous gifts given to the Reception staff; we are incredibly grateful.

This week, the snow and ice has been the perfect hook to our new topic, **'Can a penguin and a polar bear be friends?'** which focusses on the polar regions and the differences between the North and the South Pole. Firstly we learn about Antarctica, using the text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. As part of our prediction and hook, we found a special delivery! We wondered what might be inside... maybe a penguin? We learnt more about penguins in Antarctica and what it would be like to be there. We then thought about how we would travel to Antarctica. We will explore boats, experimenting with waterproof materials and floating and sinking.



Then we will travel to the other side of the world, to The Arctic to find out about polar bears and other polar animals. We will explore the Inuit and how their lives are different to ours. At the of the topic we will decide whether an penguin and a polar bear can be friends? What do you think?

**Maths:** This half term we will be introducing 0 and focussing on numbers within 5. We will also be comparing capacity and mass. We will begin to explore numbers 1-10 and the number bonds of numbers within 10, using a tens frame. Later in the half term we will begin looking at addition and combining 2 groups of numbers. Lastly we will be measuring height, length and time.

**Enterprise week:** The last week of term will be a curriculum enhancement week, Enterprise week. The children will be designing and making their own keyrings to sell at the Market Hall on **Friday 13th February. More information will be provided closer to the time.**

We will be holding our Parent Drop in session on **Wednesday 28th January at 2:30pm.** These are an opportunity for you to spend some time in your child's classroom and find out what we have been learning. Please enter via the main entrance and we will come up and collect you.



### Reminders:

- Please make sure children have wellies and waterproofs in school, along with a warm hat and gloves, especially for our **Welly Wednesday Sessions** each week.
- **Phonics books** change on a Monday
- **Library books** change on a Thursday
- **PE day** is a Thursday, children should come to school in the PE kit.
- Please practise recognition of phonics sounds, tricky words (sent home before Christmas) and numbers 1-10.

Finally thank you for your support, if you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs Knights and the Reception team